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WEATHER FOR SALT LAKE.
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BLOCKING IMPROVEMENTS.

Seizing an excuse the laws passed at the recent session of the legislature affecting public contract work, the city administration is preparing to abandon a large part of the projected improvements because it hasn't the money to pay the city's part of the work. At least that is the inference to be drawn from the latest proceedings in the council; and it fits in perfectly with what is known of the city's finances under the present management.

Until the recent enactments, it has been customary for the city authorities to levy assessments for sidewalks, sewers, paving and similar improvements long before the work could possibly be done. These assessments were collected, placed in some favored bank and permitted to enrich some one unknown for an indefinite period. In some cases, assessments have been paid two years before any work was done, and it is seldom any levy has been followed by active work within six months. Sidewalks are needed today in parts of the city where taxpayers paid in their money two years ago, and there is no indication that any effort will be made to lay the walks this season.

Further, under the system formerly in vogue, the cost of a job has been levied in blank form, so that property situated favorably has had to pay the cost of heavy grading or filling on property less fortunately located. In Brigham street, for instance, property holders on the east end, where there was little cutting or filling to be done, had to bear a share of the heavy cost on the west end, where the street was cut down and graded at heavy expense.

The new laws were designed to remedy these evils. Their intent was plain and interpretation of them is not difficult even if they are loosely drawn. If the city administration really wishes to complete its program of improvements for which there is a strong demand, it need anticipate no trouble, provided it goes about the business as any business man would and adapts its methods to the new conditions. But if it continues to hunt for obstacles and spend the time in such debate as prevailed on Monday night, the people of Salt Lake might as well prepare to say farewell to any immediate thought of the new Salt Lake they have been hoping for.

A PIE-COUNTER OPINION.

Some one representing the Republican machine in Utah has been answering queries from the New York Herald as to the present and future status of Theodore Roosevelt. The Herald asked these questions:

Has the controversy with Mr. Harrison affected unfavorably the president's hold on the Republicans of Utah?

Would the Republicans of Utah support Roosevelt for a third term if he would accept it?

Would the Republicans of Utah support any nominee Roosevelt might select as a candidate for the presidential nomination at the next national convention?

As might have been expected, the answer to the first two questions was in a Roosevelt strain, but the reply to the third, curiously enough, is negative; in the opinion of the Republican politician who did the answering the party would not necessarily support Roosevelt's choice for the nomination.

Here is a puzzle, and the mystery is deepened by the failure of the answer to disclose his identity. He must certainly be one of the Republican leaders, and these are so few that their opinions coincide on any question. As a matter of fact, the Republican party of Utah is composed of not more than half a dozen men. There are Callister, the occasional collector of customs for this district; Spry, who is United States marshal between sessions of the legislature; Hull, another federal official; "Fussy Jimmy" Anderson, Senator

Reed Smoot and once in awhile Senator Sutherland.

It is true these managers of the party permit several thousands to vote for their candidates, hold postoffices and pay campaign assessments, but to all intents they are the party.

Would this bunch support Roosevelt for a third term? Would a kitten absorb cream? Would a hound pup chase a rabbit if it had a chance? Support Roosevelt for a third term? Why, this syndicate of federal officeholders and distributors of government pay would support Theodore for a life job as president; and why not? Smoot owes his seat in the senate to Roosevelt; Callister owes his job to him; Hull couldn't hold office under any other regime; "Fussy Jimmy" would die of grief if he could not sit at the feet of the only really great president the country has had since Washington's day.

Moreover, the New York statement to the contrary notwithstanding, this same bunch would support anybody Roosevelt might choose for the next nomination, from a yellow dog up to Taft. This talk of being independent enough to disregard Roosevelt's instructions is good enough for publication, but it's a foregone conclusion right now that the Utah Republicans, meaning Smoot, Callister, Spry et al., will hold their breath until they get the word from the president, and then they'll make a break for the bandwagon to get in early and avoid the rush.

EVIDENCE OF FAITH.

You often hear people say, when they want to be smart: "You can't believe everything you see in a newspaper." Unfortunately, the statement is true. Try as they will, the newspapers cannot be accurate all the time. Once in a while errors will creep in, in spite of all precautions. But there is, or rather was, one woman whose faith was all that the most exacting could require. This woman, according to a dispatch from Evansville, Ind., was Mrs. Louisa Duley, aged 49 years.

One of the Evansville papers printed a notice of the death of Mrs. Louisa Duley, giving her address at the residence of this Mrs. Duley. The Mrs. Duley who was not dead saw the notice and immediately went into hysterics. Friends after a time succeeded in calming her, but once more she broke out and, crying, "I am dead, I am dead, I saw it in the paper," she passed into convulsions and died. So great was her faith in the newspaper of her choice that she believed it told the truth when it announced her death.

The trouble about the yarn is its total absence of probability. It is not possible for us to believe that a rational, sane woman in perfect health, as Mrs. Duley is alleged to have been, would do anything but smile at reading her own death notice. Mark Twain once wrote to a friend who had heard that the great humorist had passed away: "The report of my death was greatly exaggerated." And that is the normal, common sense view to take of the matter.

The Louisville Courier-Journal is the Bible of many Kentuckians. Once it had a story about the death of a prominent farmer. A few days later that farmer came to town and his friends thought they were surely seeing a ghost. It required some argument on his part to convince them that he was still in the flesh. He said he had seen the story in the paper and, very gravely: "I knew it was a mistake the minute I looked at it." There was no doubt in his mind about the matter.

And we insist that if the Evansville story is traced to its source, the source will be found in the brain of an ingenious correspondent who was sadly pressed for an interesting item. If there really ever was a Mrs. Louisa Duley she is probably as well and hearty today as she ever was.

Cotton Mather once observed in a sermon that "a man fashioneth not his house according to his hangings, but his hangings to his house." In the matter of "hangings," the pious Pennypacker of Pennsylvania and his co-conspirators could give the Salem witch-hunter many more or less valuable hints—\$9,000,000 worth.

Mr. Delmas has finished telling the jury why Thaw should not be executed. Mr. Jerome will now occupy some time with statements as to why Thaw should be executed. And then the jury will do just exactly as it pleases. But, glory be, Thaw will be off the front page in a little while now.

For Sale—One large lot of iron pipe; owner bought in anticipation of a city contract which failed to eventuate. Apply any morning to P. J. M., board of public works, city and county building, Salt Lake City, Utah, U. S. A.

Surely the day of miracles has arrived: Contractor Percival has been awarded a city job in spite of the fact that Pat Moran was his competitor. Still, there may be a string to it; such things are too good to last long.

Haywood complains because President Roosevelt spoke of him as "an undesirable citizen." He'll be lucky if our chief butler-in doesn't direct a special message to the jury that tries him. It would not be unlike Roosevelt.

If you get an invitation to take luncheon with yourself downtown, you may be sure spring and the housecleaning orgy have arrived.

Fifteen hundred brewers on a strike in Pittsburgh is enough to make many a man froth at the mouth.

An earthquake has killed thousands of people in Armenia. Shocking!

SOCIETY

James W. Neill reached town Monday evening from Butte, after spending the past two months in the east, coming back by that way. He will leave within a day or so to join Mrs. and Miss Neill in Pasadena, and they will spend the next few weeks in Santa Barbara. Friends of the family will be glad to learn of Miss Neill's continued improvement in health.

Mrs. T. A. Wakelind is in Bingham, spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Molson, at the Elmerston.

Mrs. Frank M. Driggs, of Ogden, is visiting friends in town for a few days.

Mrs. James E. Jennings will issue invitations within a few days for two bridge teas to be given on Wednesday and Thursday of next week, the first in honor of Mrs. Mahroni M. Young and the second to meet Mrs. Roscoe M. Breeden.

Major and Mrs. M. A. Breeden entertained at dinner last evening for Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hunt, recently come to this city. The others at dinner were Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Breeden and Miss Beatrice Boreman.

Mrs. Elizabeth White Dunbar has arrived from Mississippi and is with her cousin, Mrs. George H. Wood.

Mrs. John R. Twelves and her daughter, Mrs. Winter, and Mrs. William Bersach spent yesterday in town.

Mrs. Willbern Wells is here from the southern part of the state, spending a few days with friends.

Mrs. George J. MacLaughlin, formerly Miss Louise Walden, will be here from Rochester, New York, early in June, to spend a part of the summer with her mother, Mrs. A. M. Walden.

Mrs. C. E. Allen will entertain tomorrow at a morning musicale and a buffet luncheon.

Mrs. David Eccles and Miss Bertha Eccles, of Ogden, spent the past few days in town. Mrs. Leroy Eccles, of Lewiston, accompanied them home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Alexander are now at home at 43 the Bransford.

Mrs. A. L. Hoppaugh will entertain the Bridge club this afternoon at her home on East Brigham street.

Miss Grace Gray, of Denver, will be here tomorrow, to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Leonard at Murray for a few weeks.

Miss Della Janet Richards will entertain the Sewing club today at her home.

Mrs. Maurice M. Johnson will entertain the members of the Pastors' Aid society of the First Presbyterian church today at her home on East Second South street.

Mrs. Brig Cannon will entertain today at a luncheon, followed by a matinee party at the Orpheum.

Mrs. Ida Dusenberry, of Provo, is spending a few days in the city.

The Plate club will meet a week from tomorrow with Mrs. H. C. Edwards at her home on Third street.

Mrs. George W. Putnam will entertain the Third Street Card club today at a luncheon at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Miller, of Bellevue, Idaho, are spending a day or so in town on their way from New York to their ranch.

Mrs. Elmer E. Corfman and Mrs. Newell, of Provo, are visiting friends in town.

The marriage of Miss Vilate Eardley and Dr. M. W. Snow will take place today.

Miss Elizabeth Chester Hard and Alexander Eberhardt will be married today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hard in Helena.

The wedding of Miss Ida M. Owen and Gavin C. Andrews takes place at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Mrs. D. H. Beck has returned to Omaha after visiting friends at Salt Lake.

Mrs. Ambrose P. Hibbs and little son, of Ogden, are visiting in the city for a few days.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

- 3218—John C. Spikes, Le Grande, Ore.
- 3219—Joseph L. Merrill, Blackfoot, Ida.
- 3220—Thomas O. Rowther, Sanford, Colo.
- 3221—Henry Thomas, Lehi.
- 3222—John M. Keate, Salt Lake.
- 3223—Nellie Aldridge, Hinkley.
- 3224—Ammon C. Westman, Richfield.
- 3225—Grace J. Paul, Hatch county, Ida.
- 3226—Charles E. Davis, Dingle, Ida.
- 3227—Josephine E. Meyer, Dingle, Ida.
- 3228—Clarence E. Moore, Idaho Falls, Ida.
- 3229—Luella Adams, Rigby, Ida.
- 3230—Henry H. Bitter, Salt Lake.
- 3231—Nellie Howarth, Salt Lake.
- 3232—Peter A. Westman, Richfield.
- 3233—Anna Axelson, Salt Lake.
- 3234—Nils A. Peterson, Pinedale, Ariz.
- 3235—Elen L. Stratton, Pinedale, Ariz.
- 3236—Alta Hancock, Pinedale, Ariz.
- 3237—Louis Henderson, Oneida, Ida.
- 3238—Eugenia Benson, Logan, Utah.
- 3239—John A. Hunt, Jr., St. Charles.
- 3240—Mary Morris, St. Charles.
- 3241—George J. Ward, Ward, Ida.
- 3242—M. Lennie Durce, Alma, Ida.

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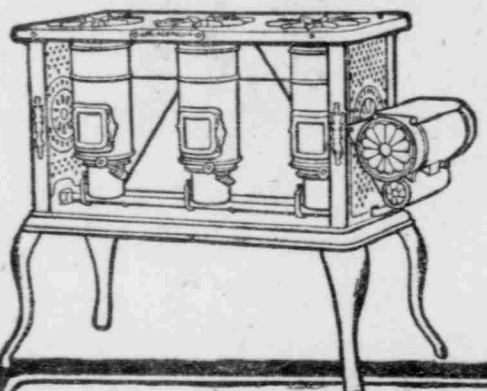
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